

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Masato NAKADE, et al.

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Examiner:

FOR: A METAL OXIDE·ORGANOPOLYSILOXANE HYBRID POWDER AND A METHOD
FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF AND A COSMETIC COMPOSITION THEREWITH

Date: February 20, 2002

The Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12 and 13 in their entirety and without
prejudice.

Please enter the following new claims:

--14. (New) A cosmetic composition comprising the metal
oxide·organopolysiloxane hybrid powder of any one of claims 1 to
3.

15. (New) A cosmetic composition comprising the metal
oxide·organopolysiloxane hybrid powder of claim 4.

16. (New) A cosmetic composition comprising the metal oxide·organopolysiloxane hybrid powder of claim 5.

17. (New) A cosmetic composition comprising the metal oxide·silica composite of claim 10.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments.

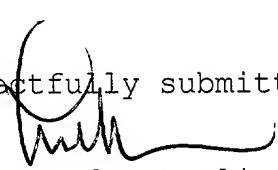
Claims 1-13 are currently pending in this application. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled and new claims 14-17 added.

Accordingly, claims 1-11, and 14-17 are herewith presented for examination.

Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled to eliminate their improper multiple dependencies and new claims 14-17 correspond to claims 12 and 13 rewritten in proper dependent form.

No new matter has been added by these amendments and applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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